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SUBJECT: U.S. POSITIONS FOR MEETING OF THE INDUSTRIAL
PLANNING COMMITTEE ON MARCH 22/23, 1977

1. FOR THE INFORMATION OF ALL CONCERNED, THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE WILL PRESENT THE FOLLOWING U.S. POSITIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS LISTED IN AC/143-A/40, 16TH FEBRUARY 1977. AGENDA ITEMS INVOLVING REPORTS BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND FOR WHICH NO NEW U.S. POSITION IS REQUIRED ARE NOT INCLUDED.

A. PROPOSED 1977-1978 PROGRAMS OF WORK (AGENDA ITEM IIIC).
THE REVISED PROGRAM OF WORK HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED. BASED
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ON REVIEW OF AC/143-D/421, THE U.S. WILL PROPOSE THE
FOLLOWING WORK PROJECTS.

(1) IN COOPERATION WITH THE FAPC, DEVELOP CONCEPTS AND
PROCEDURES FOR INTERFACE BETWEEN THE CSA AND THE ORGANIZATION OF THE EEC IN CRISIS AND WAR AND INCORPORATE AGREED
PROCEDURES IN THE CSA WAR MANUAL.

(2) CONTINUE THE STUDY AND REFINEMENT FOR ASSESSMENTS CONCERNING CRITICAL INDUSTRIAL ITEMS AND MATERIALS.

B. DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE - INDUSTRIAL PLANNING (AGENDA ITEM IIID). UNDER CURRENT GUIDANCE THE IPC IS REQUIRED TO ELICIT INFORMATION ON THE STATE OF ASSOCIATED PLANNING WITHIN ITS SPECIALIZED AREA OF INTEREST. THE U.S. WILL SUPPORT A REQUEST THAT THE CURRENT REPORT ON NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS BE PROVIDED IN THE FORMAT PRESCRIBED IN AC/143-D/229. HOWEVER, THE CURRENT FORM WAS DEVELOPED IN 1969 AND SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN NATO INDUSTRIAL PLANNING HAS BEEN MADE SINCE THAT TIME AND A NEW FORMAT MAY BE NEEDED FOR USE IN THE FUTURE. THE U.S. WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE IPC UNDERTAKE A REVIEW OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE CURRENT QUESTIONNAIRE TO DETERMINE ITS USEFULNESS AND APPLICABILITY AND IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE NEEDED UNDER PRESENT PLANNING CONCEPTS.

C. TRADE WITH NON-NATO COUNTRIES IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND WAR. (AGENDA ITEM IV) ANTICIPATE THAT IPC RAPPORTEUR WILL REPORT ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THE FAPC/IPC JWG MEETING IN FEBRUARY. THE U.S. WILL ENDORSE CONTINUATION OF CURRENT PROJECT TO DEVELOP A BRIEF FOR USE BY MISSIONS IN NON-NATO COUNTRIES AND THE CONCLUSION BY THE JWG THAT FURTHER TEST OF THE CONCEPT BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER DATE.

D. INDUSTRIAL ITEMS AND MATERIALS LIKELY TO BECOME CRITICAL IN CRISIS AND WAR (AGENDA ITEM VI). IT IS ANTICIPATED
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THAT THE RAPPORTEUR FOR THE INFORMATION STUDY GROUP WILL PRESENT A REPORT ON PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING A LIST OF CRITICAL ITEMS. THE U.S. WILL PRESENT A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON A METHODOLOGY FOR DEVELOPING ASSESSMENTS OF CRITICAL INDUSTRIAL ITEMS. REPORT WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON TECHNIQUES CURRENTLY USED IN ASSESSMENT OF U.S. CRITICAL AND STRATEGIC MATERIALS AND RECOMMEND THAT THE INFORMATION STUDY GROUP UNDERTAKE A MAJOR PROJECT TO COMPLETE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY FOR USE BY THE CSA.

E. SYSTEM OF PROVIDING INFORMATION (AGENDA ITEM VII) THE INFORMATION STUDY GROUP HAS DEVELOPED FORMS AND PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING INFORMATION TO NATO AND FORMATS FOR DEVELOPING BASIC ASSESSMENTS OF CRITICAL ITEMS. THESE FORMS HAVE BEEN TESTED AND WILL BE USED IN THE FORTHCOMING CSA EXERCISE. THE U.S. FEELS THAT FURTHER REFINEMENT OF THE INFORMATION SYSTEM IS NEEDED AND THAT DIFICATION OF THE FORMS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A PART OF THE CONTINUING EFFORT TO DEVELOP A METHODOLOGY FOR ASSESSMENTS OF CRITICAL INDUS-

TRIAL ITEMS. (PARA. D ABOVE)

F. PRACTICAL PROBLEMS FOR SUPPLIES AGENCY TRAINING (AGENDA ITEM VIII B). ANTICIPATE A REPORT BY THE RAPPOREUR OF THE INFORMATION STUDY GROUP ON PRACTICAL PROBLEMS DEVELOPED FOR USE IN THE 1977 CSA TRAINING EXERCISE. THE U.S. SUPPORTS THE USE OF PRACTICAL PROBLEMS AS A TRAINING VEHICLE. THE U.S. WILL URGE THAT THE PROBLEMS ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO EVALUATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE INFORMATION REPORTING SYSTEM.

G. TRAINING FOR THE SUPPLIES ORGANIZATION IN 1979 (AGENDA ITEM VIII C). A FINAL DECISION ON THE TYPE TRAINING EXERCISE TO BE CONDUCTED IN 1979 HAS NOT BEEN MADE. THE U.S. WILL URGE THAT CSA PARTICIPATE IN A CIVIL/MILITARY EXERCISE; IF SUCH AN EXERCISE IS NOT SCHEDULED, THE U.S. WILL SUPPORT A COMBINED CSA (EASTERN AND WESTERN BRANCHES) TRAINING PROGRAM AND URGE PARTICIPATION OF OTHER NCWA'S TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE.

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F. FLEXIBILITY OF NATO POLY ARRANGEMENTS AND OR (AGENDA ITEM IX). ANTICIPATE A REPORT BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF ON ACTIONS BY SCEPC AND FAPC/IPC JWG DURING MEETINGS IN MARCH 1977. THE FAPC/IPC JWG AGREED TO UNDERTAKE A REVIEW OF CSA CRISIS MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS AS A PART OF THE ONGOING WORK PROGRAMS. THE U.S. WILL URGE THAT THE IPC SUPPORT THIS PROJECT AND THAT THE JWG BE SPECIFICALLY TASKED TO REVIEW THE CSA ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE DURING THE EARLY PHASES OF CRISIS.

G. CSA STAFFING LIST AGENDA ITEM X). THE REVISED CSA STAFFING LIST IS PROVIDED BY AC/143-WP/90. COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SUBMIT CANDIDATES FOR THE FIVE PRINCIPLE POSTS (DIRECTOR GENERAL, DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BOTH CSA(W) AND CSA (E)) AND FOR CERTAIN OTHER PARTICULAR POSTS. THE U.S. WILL ADVISE THE COMMITTEE OF INTENTION TO SUBMIT A CANDIDATE FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL. THE U.S. WILL ALSO ADVISE THAT IT IS PREPARED TO SUBMIT CANDIDATES FOR THREE OTHER POSTS (713.652, 713.681, 722.561), WHICH ARE U.S.-DESIGNATED.

Z. UNDER THE AGENDA ITEM XII, OTHER BUSINESS, THE U.S. WILL RENDER A REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE CSA SPECIAL

WORKING GROUP HELD IN NEW YORK CITY IN OCT. 1976. THE MAJOR ITEM TO BE COVERED WILL BE THE ORGANIZATION OF A NEW SWG WHICH AMALGAMATES THE WORKING GROUPS CONCERNED WITH U.S. HOSTED NCWA'S (AC/98-D/805). THE U.S. WILL RECOMMEND IPC APPROVAL OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION.

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